



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20. All Board members and staff participated via teleconference.

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Director Kersteen-Tucker called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Jed Cyr and Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

Members absent: Larry Hassett

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria, Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner, Public Affairs Specialist I Carmen Lau

Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria announced this meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order allowing Committee members to participate remotely. The District has done its best to conduct a meeting where everyone has an opportunity to listen to the meeting and to provide comment. The public has the opportunity to comment on the agenda, and the opportunity to listen to this meeting through the internet or via telephone. This information can be found on the meeting agenda, which was physically posted at the District's Administrative Office, and on the District website. Ms. Soria described the process and protocols for the meeting.

Ms. Soria also reported that Director Hassett was able to hear the meeting but is currently having technical difficulties in providing audio.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria reported no public comments had been submitted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Hassett absent)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the April 14, 2020 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to approve the May 26, 2020 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:08 p.m.

Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Hassett absent)

2. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Youth Outreach (R-20-70)

Public Affairs Specialist I Carmen Lau provided the staff presentation describing the District's Youth Outreach Plan, which seeks to foster knowledge and appreciation for nature, conservation, and land management among youth ages four to twenty-one. Staff is working with new youth groups to provide outreach engagement and educational services to youth and families in the District and creating additional youth outreach materials and events.

Directors Cyr and Kersteen-Tucker commended staff on their efforts and the importance of connecting youth to open space lands.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired regarding current action items for the Youth Outreach Program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Lau reported the District has a "promoting nature" section on its homepage, which provides resources to help the public experience nature close to home even if they are currently unable to visit a District preserve.

Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner reported the District is not currently promoting organized hikes for children or encouraging the public to visit preserves in order to prevent over-crowding and to promote social distancing. However, the District has expanded outreach through its partners and is also engaging with cities in the District to encourage the public to interact with open space near their homes.

Director Kersteen-Tucker suggested reaching out to other organizations, such as Vida Verde and Pie Ranch, which work with underserved populations. Additionally, the District could consider partnering with Future Farmers of America and 4H clubs both of which operate through Half Moon Bay high school.

Ms. Lau stated that she will add these organizations to her list of potential partners for future youth outreach programs.

Public comment opened at 2:34 p.m.

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth announced no public comments were submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:34 p.m.

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to forward the Youth Outreach Plan to the Board of Directors for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Hassett absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Director Kersteen-Tucker adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:35 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk